

elected to the Senate. And now, the Moakley Public Speaking Institute—to be launched this summer at the Kennedy Library to teach public speaking skills and public service to local low-income high school students—will forever link Joe Moakley to President Kennedy.

As my brother said so eloquently on the eve of his inauguration, in his farewell address here to the State Legislature:

"When at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us, our success or failure will be measured by the answers to four questions:

- Were we truly men of courage?
- Were we truly men of judgment?
- Were we truly men of integrity?
- Were we truly men of dedication?

Measured by those four high standards, Joe Moakley was "four for four"—he battled a thousand in the annals of public life.

Service to his nation. Service to his State. Service to his District. Service to his people. Service. Service. Service.

It's no wonder that God chose to call him home on Memorial Day—the national day of honor for those who served the nation so well. We miss you, Joe, and we always will.

Near the end of Pilgrim's Progress, there is a passage that tells of the death of Valiant, and it could well have been written about Joe Moakley:

"Then, he said, I am going to my Father's; and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not regret me of all the troubles I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought his battle who now will be my rewarder.

"When the day that must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river-side, into which as he went he said, 'Death, where is thy sting?' and as he went down deeper, he said, 'Grave, where is thy victory?' So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

HONORING "THE GRAMMY MAN", JOHN BILLINGS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand before you today and pay tribute to the shining star of the Western Slope of Colorado. That's where John Billings the Grammy Man resides. He is only the second man ever to create, by hand, each gold gramophone statue that is presented at the GRAMMYS.

Every year since 1958, that gold gramophone has been handed to some of the biggest recording stars in the industry. John is the only person allowed by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences to make what is arguably the industry's highest honor—the Grammy statuette. When John started in 1977, there were only 51 categories, today there are 100. John spends five months a year casting about 300 awards. "It's kind of unique that in just 43 years, two of us have made them," John said. "It's a dying art and a lost craft, and somebody's got to keep it alive."

John grew up in Van Nuys, California during the 1960's, where he used to hang around the garage workshop of his neighbor Bob Graves, the original maker of the Grammy statuette. After Bob began to lose his eyesight making the creation of the statues difficult, he asked John if he would like to become the next craftsman. He would spend the next 7 years learning the craft. "One of the last things he said to me was 'Don't ever let anyone get those Grammys away from you.'" When John cannot make the award any longer, he will pass the tradition to his son.

For the last 25 years John has perfected its design. "I have sat in the audience for so many years, and I sit there and cry. To see something that I have made to honor this person, and they're standing there holding it up in the air like it's an Olympic medal. There is really a lot of pride in that, and I think that's what keeps me going."

Mr. Speaker, the statue is a labor of love and a matter of pride for John. Los Angeles may be the real home of the Grammy Awards, but Ridgeway, Colorado is much bigger in the eyes of the music industry. He is truly one of a kind.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the nature and scope of cross border fraud, focusing on the state of binational U.S.-Canadian law enforcement coordination and cooperation and what steps can be taken to fight such crime in the future.

SD-342

JUNE 19

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 764, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose just and reasonable

load-differentiated demand rates or cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market; and S. 597, to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy.

SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine local telecommunication competition issues.

SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to receive the goals and priorities of the member tribes of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes/Inter-tribal Bison Cooperative for the 107th Congress.

Room to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine geriatrics, focusing on meeting the needs of our most vulnerable seniors in the 21st century.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
International Trade and Finance Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the United States Export-Import Bank.

SD-538

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission associated with the restructuring of energy industries.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the condition of the United States banking system.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States security interests in Europe.

SD-419

JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues regarding blood cancer.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Native American Program initiatives.

SR-485